IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Anders WIESLANDER et al.) Group Art Unit: 3761
Application No.: 10/568,219) Examiner: Leslie R. DEAK
Filed: February 14, 2006) Confirmation No.: 6262
For: A CONNECTING DEVICE, A MEDICAL SYSTEM, AND A METHOD OF CONNECTING MEDICAL SUBSYSTEMS)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RCE AMENDMENT

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), fulfills the requirements for a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 19, 2008, the period for reply to which having been extended through February 19, 2009, by a Request for Extension of two (2) months and payment of government fees. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this Amendment.